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In re Application of:

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Initially, Applicant thanks Examiner Landrem for indicating that claims 36-43 are allowable. Additionally, in the Office Action Summary and on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5, 6, and 31 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner includes claims 5, 6, and 31 in the list of claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). In addition, claims 26-35 are indicated as allowed on page 2 of the Office

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